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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7937

BILL NUMBER: HB 2043

DATE PREPARED: Jan 10, 2001

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Property tax appeals.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill extends the period in which the Appeals Division of the State Board of Tax Commissioners must hold a hearing on an appeal petition from six months to nine months (and to one year for appeals of real property assessments in a general reassessment year).

The bill also extends the period after the hearing for issuance of a determination of an appeal by the Appeals Division from 45 days to 90 days (and to 180 days for appeals of real property assessments in a general reassessment year).

Effective Date: July 1, 2001.

Explanation of State Expenditures: Under current law, the State Board of Tax Commissioners' Appeals Division must conduct a hearing within **six months** after a petition for appeal is filed. The Division must then make a determination within **45 days** of the hearing or by the date set by the Chairman in an extension order for up to six months. If the Division fails to make a determination within the allowable time period, the petition is considered to be denied by the Division and by the State Tax Board as a final determination unless the Tax Board intends to review the Division's determination within 15 days or if the Tax Board determines to rehear the appeal.

Under this proposal, for appeals filed with the State Tax Board after June 30, 2001, the Tax Board would have **nine months** (or **one year** for a reassessment appeal) to conduct a hearing. The Division would then have **90 days** (or **six months** for a reassessment appeal) to make a determination.

The additional time allowed by this bill for the Appeals Division to conduct hearings and issue determinations could reduce some of the strain on Tax Board resources, especially after a reassessment occurs.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: State Board of Tax Commissioners.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: